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Examiner: Albert Wong

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For: Method and System for Performing Operations and for Improving Production in  
Wells

September 12, 2003

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Please amend the claims of the captioned application as set forth on pages 2-8  
hereof.